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1) MARCH 12 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES STORY DATED LUSAKA CLAIMING 17 CUBANS EXECUTED ANGOLA. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:
"AN ALL-WOMAN FIRING SQUAD IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA HAS EXECUTED 17 CAPTURED CUBAN SOLDIERS FOR RAPE AND MURDER, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRO-WESTERN GUERRILLA FORCES. THE CUBAN-BACKED ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT DENIED THE REPORT. THE COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA), SAID THE CUBANS WERE SHOT LAST WEEK. 'ALL 17 WERE EXECUTED', THE STATEMENT SAID. 'THE CUBANS WERE SHOT WITH THEIR OWN GUNS.'"

2) REQUEST ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENTS POST MAY HAVE ON REPORT. KISSINGER

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